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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 350

1. THE LOCAL SOVIET PROFILE WAS RAISED CONSIDERABLY DURING WEEK OF 14 APRIL. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, SOVIET FREIGHTER "BORIS GORBATOV", 170 METERS LONG, 9174 TONS DWT ARRIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES APRIL 15 TO LOAD 12,000 TONS OF FLUORSPAR FOR A DESTINATION IN THE BALTIC. THIS SHIP IS REGISTERED IN ODESSA AND IS OWNED BY THE BLACK SEA SHIPPING COMPANY.

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WM ALSO ON 14 APRIL A SOVIET TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN LOURENCO MARQUES CARRYING SEVERAL GOODS "PROMOTING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USSR AND MOZAMBIQUE", ACCORDING TO THE DAILY "A TRIBUNA".

3. THE PERIPATETIC 14-MAN SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION (REFTEL) CONTINES TO JUNKET AROUND MOZAMBIQUE AND WAS IN LOURENCO MARQUES, LOOKING BORED, ON 17 APRIL.

4. COMMENT: THE SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION IS QUITE LIKELY STILL COOLING ITS HEELS AWAITING APPOINTMENTS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRIMIN CHISSANO, WHO IS CONDUCTING POLITICAL RALLIES UPCOUNTRY. THE SOVIET MERCHANT SHIP IS THE FIRST TO CALL AT LOURENCO MARQUES IN LIVING MEMORY.

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